

**Town of Lincoln**

**Budget Board Meeting**

**April 14, 2005**

**Members Present:**

**Roberta Gosselin Dave Hartley Mary Varr**

**Jack Newman Joe Dziobek Carl Brunetti**

**Bob Ericson Ken Booth Linda Noble**

**Cheryl Ethier**

**Members Absent:**

**Claudette Lussier**

**Meeting began at 7:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**There were no minutes available for review.**

**Joe Dziobek questioned whether a Recording Secretary for the Conservation Commission had been moved and allocated under Professional Fees as voted upon by the Budget Board. Roberta Gosselin stated the most updated electronic version of the recommended budget did show the change.**

**Ken Booth noted that after speaking with Superintendent of Schools, he was asked to review the recommended budget to maybe put more funds in than was already voted upon by the Budget Board.**

**Cheryl Ethier noted that if the Medicaid revenues were shown in the budget, there could then be an equal amount added to the expenditures and it would not show as an increase to raise the percentage beyond the 5.5% cap.**

**Lori Miller had stated that she accumulates the Medicaid money received until there is a good amount and then she writes a check to send it to the town side.**

**Medicaid reimbursement can come in as late as a year or two after the qualifying expenditure occurs.**

**Mary Varr made a motion that \$300,000 be added to the school revenues and expenditures to show the Medicaid reimbursements.**

**Dave Hartley seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Ken Booth suggested having the schools commit in writing as to how they will be using the money that they would be allocated.**

**Linda Noble noted that she was opposed to the positions of Dean of Students and Assistant Finance Director in the schools.**

**Ken Booth noted that the new software has not yet been implemented because they were waiting to see the running program which is installed in Pawtucket and it is not yet up and running effectively.**

**Cheryl Ethier noted that the schools could show where capital is**

**expended in the budget to better track it.**

**Roberta Gosselin noted some mistakes in the final electronic version of the Budget Board recommended budget.**

**Matching Grants should be Grant Matching.**

**On Page 16 of 62, \$5,000 was taken out and restored.**

**On Page 18 of 62, the presentation of the pensions is not correct and it should be broken down.**

**The Police Department is requesting 4 new positions which are shown under patrolmen. A Sergeant is moving up to replace a Lieutenant that retired and will be replaced by a patrolman.**

**The Budget Board will ask for clarification on this at the Financial Town Meeting.**

**The Public Works-Engineering Assistant Engineer line can be deleted due to it having no history of money funded.**

**On Page 21 of 62, Human Services, Dues/Conferences/Professional Services should be \$750 as voted by the Board, not \$1500 as shown.**

**The Budget Board discussed the line, and Roberta Gosselin made a motion that the line be \$1500. Dave Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**On Page 43 of 62, the footnote should be updated to read \$178,322.**

**On Page 54 of 62, Conservation Commission, FICA should be changed from \$88 to \$0 because the Recording Secretary will no longer be in the budget.**

**Dave Hartley made a motion that Recording Secretary be and FICA \$0 and that Professional Fees be \$1900.**

**Bob Ericson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**The Budget Board decided to leave Municipal Court at \$0 because if the legislation is passed, it can be added at the Financial Town Meeting.**

**In Capital, the Administrator projected capital improvements for the coming years so that it appears more balanced.**

**The recommended salary of the IT Manager is lower than the amount she currently by a vote to comply with the salary warrant, but the new warrant will make it so that the new range will be higher.**

**The Budget Board revised the annual budget message.**

**Carl Brunetti made a motion to approve the message as revised.**

**Jack Newman seconded the motion.**

**The Budget Board voted unanimously to accept the message, allowing the Budget Board Chair, Ken Booth, to make any other necessary revisions.**

**Carl Brunetti made a motion to adjourn.**

**Dave Hartley seconded the motion.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:15.**